



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Alabama Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 17, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the high 60s.

Crops

Dry conditions and warm temperatures across the state allowed for plenty of fieldwork last week. Corn planting was wrapping up. The emerged corn crop was showing signs of stress from lack of rain. Cotton, peanut, and soybean planting was in full swing. However, some producers halted planting due to lack of rain. Producers were making good progress cutting and baling hay.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures were in mostly good condition; however, some were deteriorating from the lack of rain. Cattle were in good condition. Cattlemen were feeding from their first cutting of hay.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/17/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	98	93	96	98
Corn - Emerged	95	84	90	92
Cotton - Planted	65	41	63	60
Hay - 1st Cutting	61	55	71	62
Peanuts - Planted	56	35	55	49
Soybeans - Planted	26	19	33	39
Soybeans - Emerged	10	6	19	15
Winter wheat - Headed ...	98	94	97	98
Winter wheat - Harvested	9	1	15	6

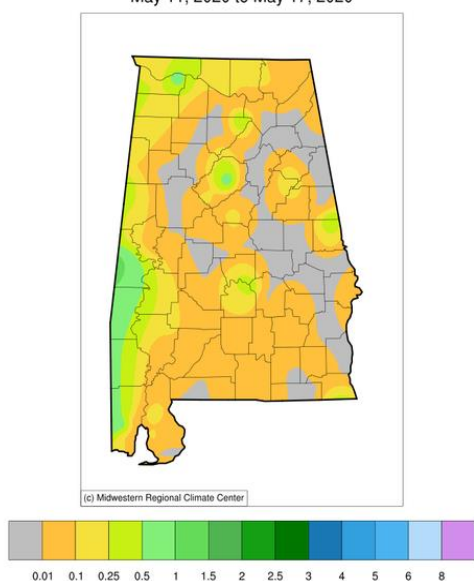
Conditions for Week Ending 05/17/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	2	26	64	7
Corn	0	4	15	77	4
Pasture and range ..	1	6	29	55	9
Winter wheat	2	4	24	56	14

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/17/20

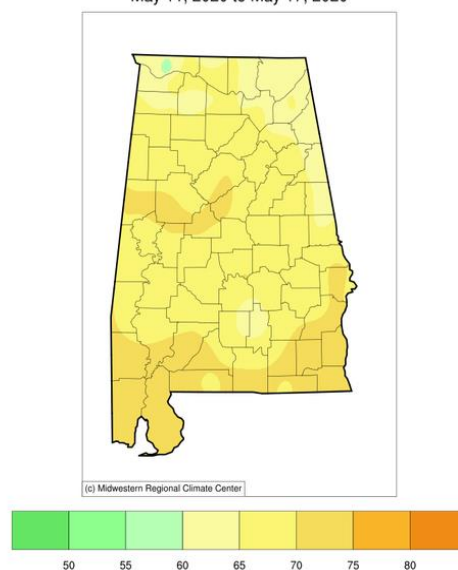
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	6
Short	14	24
Adequate	72	64
Surplus	12	6
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	5
Short	6	16
Adequate	78	76
Surplus	14	3

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 11, 2020 to May 17, 2020



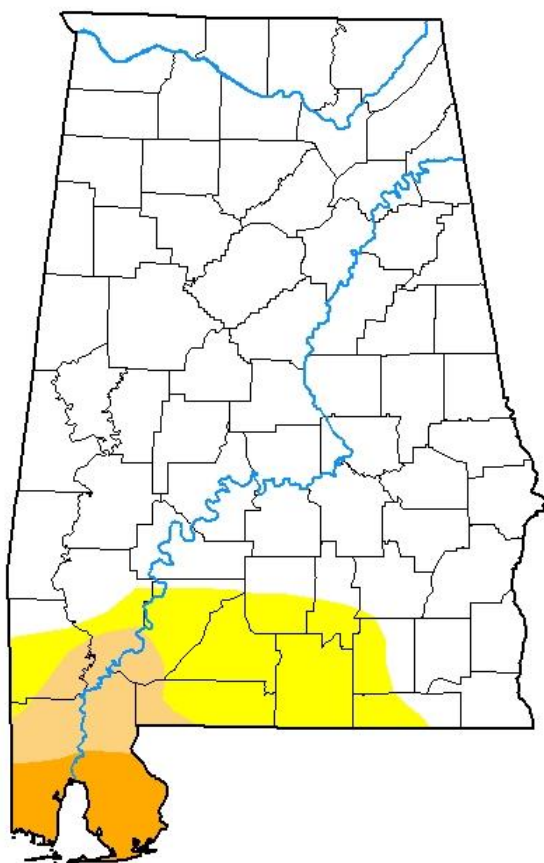
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Average Temperature (°F)
May 11, 2020 to May 17, 2020



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



May 12, 2020

(Released Thursday, May. 14, 2020)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	81.89	18.11	7.60	3.28	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-05-2020	90.89	9.11	3.66	0.50	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-11-2020	99.49	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	0.00	100.00	35.36	11.99	3.54	0.00
One Year Ago 05-14-2019	86.52	13.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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